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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): OKUYAMA, Hideyuki

For: INK TUBE FOR INK JET PRINTER

Applicant does not claim priority

Enclosed are:

\boxtimes	A specification consisting of Twenty-four (24) pages
\boxtimes	One (1) sheet(s) formal drawings
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

	Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-312162 filed in JAPAN or October 28, 2002. Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow.						
\boxtimes	Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow						
	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76						
\boxtimes	Preliminary Amendment						
\boxtimes	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)						
	Other:						
	Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee						
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Respectfully submitted,

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